

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Managing water restrictions in the home landscape

by Amy Winstead  
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Outdoor water restrictions often require homeowners to innovatively manage their lawn and garden watering schedules.

Fortunately there are several things homeowners can do to make the best use of their water supply even during the hottest and driest days of summer. Begin by checking all water

hoses, sprinkler systems, and irrigation systems to make sure they are performing at their peak efficiency. Repair any leaks and if necessary replace worn fittings and hoses.

Cinch mulch around beds and shrubbery to ensure an adequate layer is present. Mulch is excellent for holding in moisture, preventing evaporation, and regulating soil temperature. Extend mulch far enough out from plants to cover underground root systems.

Water when plants are just beginning to wilt and resist shallow watering as this only produces shallow root systems. By watering less frequently but for longer periods of time, you will promote deep, healthy root systems that can withstand dry periods much easier.

Water so that plants and/or lawns receive one to one-and-a-half inches of water per week (take into account rainfall). This can be done in split applications of 1/2" - 3/4" inches twice a week or one deep watering once a week. To determine how long it takes your sprinkler system to output one inch of water, place several shallow, flat-sided pans on the ground to catch water while irrigating and determine the time it takes to collect one inch of water.

Water your plants and lawn during the early morning hours,

between 4 AM and 10 AM to maximize water uptake. When applying water to beds or gardens, direct water applications to plant roots rather than an over-the-top approach. Wetting the foliage not only encourages disease but may also lessen the amount of water your plant roots receive due to evaporation.

Drop irrigation and/or soaker hoses are efficient at directing water towards the root system and will reduce water use by up to 50% compared to traditional sprinklers.

Finally, consider planting drought resistant plants suited for South Alabama. A list of such plants as well as additional information on water conservation can be obtained from the Coffee County Extension office at (334) 894-5596.



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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba City Council votes to approve agreement with Coffee County EMA

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening with Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Hammond presiding in the absence of Mayor James Grimes. Grimes was attending an out of town municipal government meeting.

Council members were unanimous in approving a Mutual Aid Agreement with Coffee County Emergency Management Agency director John Tallas.

Tallas said Elba was the first governing body in the county he has approached, but he will be talking with the City of Enterprise and then with the County Commission.

Preregistration is requested for all classes. Call the Red Cross office 347-2461.

All disaster classes are free and anyone interested in helping local disasters is encouraged to attend. Call 347-2461 for registration and location.

The first two Shelter Operations will be held at the EOC, (room 1a) July 11 and July 13. This is one class taught at two different times to make it more valuable to volunteers.

The second class is Disaster Action team training at the First United Methodist Church Old

Methodist Church.

Director Tallas explained to council members that this agreement was not binding on the city if the police or other employees were unable to leave their normally assigned duties at the time of others being in need of help. He added this agreement was requested by FEMA and would be asked for during initial planning for disaster assistance.

The Council members went into executive session to discuss a price they were willing to pay for some property to be sold at bid on Thursday, July 13. The 3.7 acres of land adjoins the Legion Field ball park.

He added that if one official container is not suitable for a household, additional containers are available at \$8 per month.

One local race on ballot for Republican Primary Run-off Election set for July 18<sup>th</sup>

Those desiring to vote Republican will take to the polls next Tuesday, July 18, as the Republican Primary Run-off Election will be held.

In Coffee County, only one local race will be decided. Voters will choose the Republican nominee for Coffee County Sheriff.

The Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 3 is between Clay Crenshaw and Sam Welch.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

Ninety-seven year old Margaret Haire died last week. No one can question that she lived a full life and apparently enjoyed every minute of it. We are never ready for a friend or loved one to die but as was discussed with a member of her family at the funeral home, there couldn't have been a more fitting time. She died on July 4th... And two of America's founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson and former President John Adams. Three great Americans if we do say so ourselves. Even though those two men actually died only hours apart, it was many years ago, long before our 97 year old church lady Margaret Haire was born. However that didn't diminish her positive influence on countless people throughout her life.

We hear the bleeding hearts in Washington (and other places) wailing that all the killings in Iraq are caused by the American presence in that nation. That is hard to disprove... until Monday when seven explosions in 11 minutes ripped through crowded commuter trains and stations in Mumbai, India, killing at least 147 people and leaving hundreds more bloodied and injured. Now can someone tell us just how America and/or the Republican/George Bush Party can be responsible for the actions of these terrorists in India? Of course if some of them had succeeded in destroying bridges and tunnels in New York, these same complainers would for a few brief weeks be advocating military rule or whatever was necessary to root those rats out of our society.

The Louisiana congressman, Rep. William Jefferson, implicated in a federal bribery probe, filed papers Tuesday to keep records seized from his Capitol Hill office, under seal while he appeals a federal judge's order allowing investigators to review them. This is after a federal judge ruled that the FBI was within legal rights to execute a search warrant on his congressional office in May. It shouldn't have been a surprise to Williams, federal agents had searched his Washington home last summer and reportedly found \$90,000 hidden in a home freezer. The judge is a man after our heart when he ruled Jefferson's argument that the search was unconstitutional "would have the effect of converting every congressional office into a taxpayer-subsidized sanctuary for crime." That was our reaction when he and his buddies first started complaining of the Capitol Hill office raid. Jefferson is running for re-election and reportedly is filing another appeal in hopes of keeping the information taken in the raid from being released to the public. His lawyer reportedly said release of that info would "damage" the congressman. Having read a good bit about this ongoing case, our reaction is, "I bet it would!"

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning **Monday, July 10**, reported at 713 Simmons St. 2006, investigated the following incidents for which this chief, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for theft of property, one for sexual abuse, two for domestic violence, one for an attempted burglary and one for loan fraud.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of a controlled substance, one for harassment and six arrests from warrant.

Fair citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for not wearing a seat belt, three for inattentive driving for driving with a learner's permit and an unlicensed driver, eleven for speeding, three for revoked driver's license, two for driving without insurance, one for unreasonable noise, two for no proof of insurance, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for an impromptu muffle, and one for a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, JULY 3** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 919 Flournoy Dr. (1:55 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the scene of a fire (from previous date) at the corner of Lee and Jones streets (8:12 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Reese Ave. at EDSO (1:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Kendrick Apts. (8:52 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, JULY 4** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 833 Washington Ave. (3:32 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Carver

Dr. (10:36 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 713 Simmons St. (11:42 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5** - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (tree) fire on Jackson St. (12:54 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 809 Pinecove (12:36 p.m.); Prowler reported on Brunson Circle (9:41 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JULY 6** - Apartment burglary reported at Industrial Lifts (7:21 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 654 Reynolds (7:52 a.m.).

**FRIDAY, JULY 7** - Minor wreck reported on Court St. (10:49 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 411 Adkison Ave. (4:38 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JULY 8** - Disturbance (unusual person) reported at 701 Kennedy Dr. (5:56 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1409 Jones St. (6:10 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Sunset Blvd. (4:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 167 (7:32 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JULY 9** - Disturbance (noise) reported at 1584 Caroline St. (4:19 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 327 Sollie Dr. (10:31 p.m.).

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# LIFESTYLES

Miss Bryan and Mr. Grant to be united in marriage on Saturday, July 29th



Miss Bryan & Mr. Grant

Interview for Miss Agriculture will be held Thursday, July 20th

The interview process used to select Coffee County Miss Agriculture will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2006, at the Coffee County Farm Center Community Room beginning at 5 p.m. Interested applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25 and live or attend school in Coffee County. Dress for the interview process is formal business suit. Miss Coffee County Agriculture will represent Coffee County at various agricultural and community functions throughout the year to bring awareness to agriculture in the area. She will receive a cash prize totaling \$400 at the county level, and represent Coffee County at the state level, competing for a \$2,000 scholarship and the use of a new car for 1 year. The first runner up will receive a cash prize of \$200 and the second runner up will receive a cash prize of \$100. Applications can be picked up at the ALFA offices located in Enterprise or Elba. For additional information contact Dixie Lavender at (334) 735-9211 or Shirley York at (334) 347-9558. The deadline to enter the competition is Tuesday, July 18.

University of Alabama President's & Dean's List for spring term announced

A total of some 4,100 students enrolled during the spring 2006 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List (on a 4.0 scale) or above or the President's List with academic records of 4.0 (all As). The Dean's and President's Lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do

not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

Elba: AL Mallory P Allen

Deans List

Stephanie Christina Sasser

President's List

New Brockton: AL Deans List, Lauren Rachel Allums, Laura Kaye Horton, Brett A Pearson, John J Windham.

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Taylor Reunion set for Saturday, July 22

A reunion for relatives of William Anderson Taylor and Amanda Richburg Taylor and William Gardner Taylor will be Saturday, July 22, at the Masonic Lodge on Larkins Road in Elba (in front of Elba's Airport). Bring a covered dish, soda pop, or tea. Reunion begins at 10 a.m. till. For more information or questions call 334-897-6587.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Jimmy Jones of Brantley.

She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Robert Walon "Moon" Bryan and Mrs. Delatha Bryan of Brantley and George Malcolm "Bud" Bryan, Sr. and the late Mrs. Talatha Bryan of Brantley and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Pynes, also of Brantley.

She is a 2004 graduate of Brantley High School and is enrolled at the University of Alabama where she is pursuing a major in Human Development with a concentration in Family Studies and a minor in the Bloom Undergraduate Initiative.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. I. D. Bryan and Mrs. Bonnie Inez Rodgers of Opp and Mrs. Gervis Edward Grant, also of Opp.

He is a 2001 graduate of Opp High School and is currently employed as a store manager in Tuscaloosa.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 29, 2006, at Mount Olive Baptist Church of Elba at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with a reception immediately following. No local invitations are being sent but all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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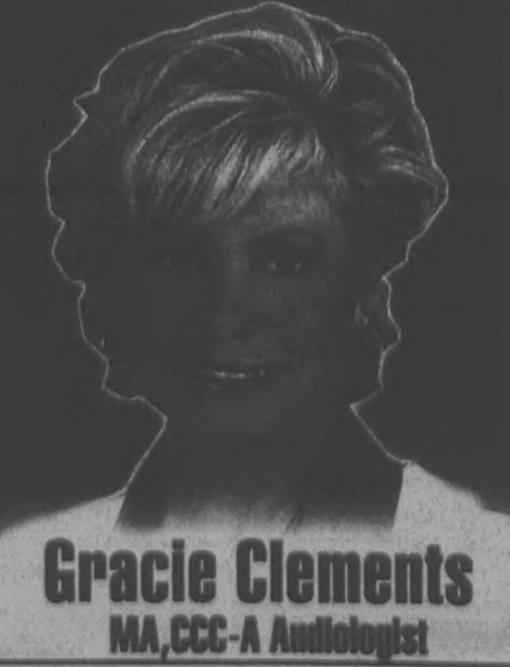


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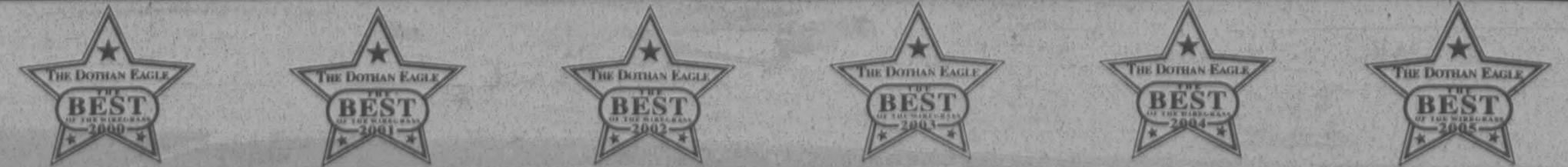
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Seniors may pick up schedules on Monday, July 31. Juniors and Sophomores can pick schedules up on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Freshman and eighth grade can pick their schedules up on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Seventh grade orientation will be Thursday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish meal accounts. They will also have a brief tour of the school.

Lockers are \$5 and parking permits are \$10 for the 2006-2007 school year. Paid meals for students are 50 cents for breakfast and \$1.50 for lunch

with tickets or paid in the lunchroom. Reduced price meals are 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch with ticket only.

Students are reminded that all book bags should be transparent or made of mesh material that is 1/2 inch open mesh or larger. Students are also reminded of the dress code as outlined in the Student Handbook.

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The first day for students is Monday, Aug. 7 (1/2 day). Everyone will meet in the auditorium at 7:45 a.m. for a brief assembly program.

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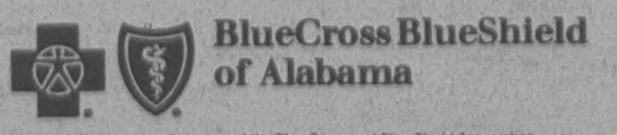


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# SPORTS

Views from....

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

If Melanie wants to wear jeans and t-shirts to school this fall she won't have to worry about buying any t-shirts. She has played softball almost every weekend for the past month and has managed to bring home t-shirts from every tourney. I'm sure she will still get some new clothes and will need some new jeans. However, when she gets dressed out for physical ed or ball practice she will be ready to go.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* I know the Dixie Ponytails and Dixie Debs All-Stars were both disappointed last week to bring home the second place trophy from their district tournaments. However, the girls softball teams both came close to earning a trip to state and left their mark on what was already one of the best summer's ever for the Elba All-Star teams. I know I wrote about the all-star season last week, but I am so proud of the players and coaches that I have to mention them again! In baseball, the Dixie Minor Stars placed second in sub-district and earned a spot at district, while the Dixie Youth will host district, the Dixie Boys placed second at sub-district to earn a spot at district and the Pre-Majors competed at district and posted one win before being ousted. That means that all four of the Elba All-Star teams in baseball competed or will compete at the district level. Over in softball, the Dixie Angels posted a big win over Greenville at sub-district, the Dixie Belles claimed a sub-district title and then placed second at district, the Dixie Belles claimed a sub-district title and then placed second at district, while the Dixie Belles claimed a sub-district title and then placed second at district. Two of the four girls' teams made it to district, making six of the eight all-star teams to make it to the second round of all-star competition.

With two teams still alive there is still a chance that the best is yet to come and one of the teams will earn a spot at the state tournament. Good luck.

\*\*\* The Elba High basketball team has been hard at work this summer taking advantage of a new rule to play in four tournaments. The tournaments were round-robin events that included teams such as Florida, Opelika, Red Level, Phenix Home and Andalusia, and while the Tigers didn't bring home a bunch of wins, the players got the chance to get on the court and play together. With Coach Johnson sitting on the bench to help.

\*\*\* In closing... the Atlanta Braves were 7-3 on their final home stand before the All-Star break and the Braves announces are now predicting a second half surge and a possible run to the pennant. I know sometimes the guys have to be loyal to keep their jobs, but to even hint Atlanta may rally and make up 14 games in only half a season is a little much.

### Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars travel to Geneva this weekend to begin district tournament competition

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars will hit the road this weekend and as they begin to play in the Dixie Minor District 9 Baseball Tournament, in Geneva.

A total of nine teams will compete in the double-elimination event, with the field to include the Troy Americans, Luverne, Slocumb, the Troy Nationals, Elba, Greenville, Geneva, the Enterprise Americans and the Enterprise Americans.

"We are all excited about making it to the district tournament," said Elba's Coach Marty Marler. "but we also know that the best teams in the district will be in the tournament and know that we will have to play our best to get some wins. Enterprise and Troy both have two teams in the tournament and are always the teams to beat, while we will open up against Greenville and know we will have our hands full since it won its tourney. It will be a great experience for our youngsters to compete at district and hopefully we will win some games and let the other teams know what kind of ball we play here in Elba."

Following is the tournament schedule:

**MONDAY, JULY 17**  
(Game 9) 6:00 - Game 6 winner vs. Game 8 winner (F3)

**TUESDAY, JULY 18**  
(Game 5) 6:00 - Enterprise Americans (F3)

**SATURDAY, JULY 15**  
(Game 6) 6:00 - Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser (F4)

(Game 7) 8:00 - Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser (F4)

(Game 8) 8:00 - Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner (F3)

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(Game 10) 8:00 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 5 loser (F4)

(Game 11) 7:00 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 5 winner

**TUESDAY, JULY 18**  
(Game 12) 6:00 - Game 10 winner vs. Game 11 loser (F3)

(Game 13) 8:00 - Game 11 winner vs. Game 8 winner (F3)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19**  
(Game 14) 6:00 - Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 loser (F3)

(Game 15) 8:00 - Game 13 winner vs. Game 9 winner (F3)

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(Game 16) 7:00 - Game 15 winner vs. Game 14 winner (F3)

**FRIDAY, JULY 21**  
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### At District Tourney

## Elba Ponytails All-Stars settle for second

The Elba All-Stars competed in the Dixie Ponytails Dixie Six Softball Tournament last week in Andalusia and posted a 2-2 record to place second in the five-team event.

"I am extremely proud of the girls and the other coaches for the hard work and sacrifice they all made during tournament play," said Coach Kevin Matthews. "We all felt like we had the team to win the tournament and move on to state, but looking back I believe Dothan had a better team than we did and they deserved the trip to the state tournament. Our girls never quit trying and claimed wins over Andalusia and Troy, but just couldn't get past Dothan. This bunch of girls has a lot of talent and should be heart off for years to come in tournaments."

Following are highlights of last week's tournament action:

**ELBA 10**  
**ANDALUSIA 0**

Morgan Matthews pitched a two-hitter and Elba made the most of six hits in rolling to a 10-0 opening round win over Andalusia. The All-Stars combined three walks with a single by Molly McGuire and a two-run double by Kelli Behrens to jump out to a 4-0 first inning lead, then pushed their lead to 6-0 in the second when Brianna Jackson and Lizzie Carnley both raced home on an error off the bat of McGuire. Five walks and an error helped Elba up its lead to 9-0 in the third, and the game ended in the fourth when Paige Gibson singled and later scored on a fielder's choice. However, the All-Stars came from behind to give the All-Stars an early scoring opportunity, and watched as Dothan took advantage of three errors in the top of the second to move on top 2-1, and then added a late run to claim the 3-1 win. Lindsey Carnley had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Kelli Behrens had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Molly McGuire, Paige Gibson and Morgan Matthews all added 1 hit and 1 run scored. Mathews pitched a two-hitter and struck out 5 batters in only four innings to get the win.

**DIXIE SIX RUNNER-UP...** The Elba All-Stars brought home the second place trophy last week as the runner-up at the Dixie Ponytails District Six Softball Tournament. Both of Elba's losses came to Dothan in the annual all-star event.

(Mike Capps photo)

**DOTHAN 12**  
**ELBA 10**

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## Henderson named as president of Southeast Alabama Gas District

The Southeast Alabama Gas District (SEAGD) and its Board of Directors recently announced that J. Gregory (Greg) Henderson will succeed James H. (Jim) Smith as President and CEO for the company upon Smith's retirement in July.

Henderson, who has worked with SEAGD as Director of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer for the past eight years, was selected unanimously by the Board of Directors after a nationwide search of candidates.

Henderson brings 20 years of utility industry experience with him into his new position. During his tenure thus far with SEAGD, Henderson has been responsible for developing the company direction and leading in the implementation of those plans in the areas of finance,



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be chosen to replace a leader of such stature, and it will be my challenge to serve SEAGD as well as he has.

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### Late Death Notice:

#### SAMUEL MICHAEL BROWN

Infant Samuel Michael Brown died Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 12, at 4 p.m. at the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Rev. Scott Hannen officiating. Burial followed with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his parents: Adina Glenn Brown and Joseph Michael Brown, New Brockton; one brother: Cameron Brown, New Brockton; his maternal grandparents: Jackie and Donna Glenn, Enterprise; his paternal grandparents: Jack and Margie Shafer, Mary Esther, Fla.; his maternal great-grandmother: Robert Glenn, Level Plains, Ala.; Robert E. Jones, Sr., Ga.; and his paternal great-grandmother: Jeanette Adkison, New Brockton.

"I look forward to leading our company and its employees during this season of change," says Henderson. "Working with Jim has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. He is well-respected throughout the utility industry, in our community and among our employees. It's an honor to

have been selected to continue our company's tradition of quality service to the citizens of the Southeast Alabama Gas District.

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## ADEM urges citizens make hurricane preparedness early

Meteorologists predict another active hurricane season this year in the Southeast, and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management is encouraging families and individuals to make preparations now to protect their lives, property, and the environment.

"The department continues to refine its emergency response program to be able to quickly deal with the environmental impacts of natural disasters," said ADEM Director Trey Glenn. "We urge citizens to prepare for their emergency needs by having a plan ready in advance."

The environment is and around your home can be protected by recycling household hazardous wastes, properly disposing of empty containers and cylinders, securing lawn furniture, trash cans and any other material that can be picked up by high winds

washed away. If possible, boat owners should empty gas and other on-board tanks and move their vessels well inland prior to landfall.

Preparedness plans also should address adequate water, non-perishable food, extra clothing and other readily available emergency supplies. Maps for primary and alternate evacuation routes and the adoption and practice of a family communications plan are also useful and important.

"Following these guidelines can help sustain lives and safeguard the environment," Glenn added.

The Atlantic hurricane season lasts through November and ADEM emergency response teams will be ready to join an integrated response with local, state and federal emergency agencies in the event of a severe storm.

Cancer doctor opens practice in Opp

Dr. Warren R. Amos, newest physician at South Alabama Oncology Center in Opp, is also a new member of the consulting medical staff at Mizell Memorial Hospital.

"Dr. Amos is certified by the American College of Radiology and has privileges at Mizell in the area of radiation oncology," said Dr. Wheeler A. Gunnels, medical director.

The South Alabama Oncology Center is located on the campus of Mizell Memorial Hospital and serves cancer patients in Covington County and surrounding areas.

A safe drinking water supply

is the paramount concern.

"Water really is critical," says Dr. Robert Keith, an

Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Auburn University professor of nutrition and food science.

While healthy people can last a week or, in some cases, even 10 days without water, less healthy people may succumb after only a few days — the reason, he says, why a drinkable water supply, typically in the form of bottled water, should be considered the top priority item before, during and immediately following a disaster.

"Healthy people even in relatively cool conditions need about 2 quarts of water a day to survive — even more under warm conditions, which is precisely what people are contending with along the Gulf Coast," Keith says.

"That may not seem like a lot to someone with running water, but it amounts to a heck of a lot in cases where the water has to be brought in."

In addition to water, people should stock foods that are high in calories, that are not prone to spoilage and that are easy to carry around.

Peanut butter is at the top of the list, Keith says, because it meets all of the criteria.

"A jar of peanut butter not only contains several thousand calories but doesn't have to be refrigerated and fits easily into a sack or back pack," he says.

The same advice generally holds true for dried fruit, energy bars and granola bars — "basically anything that doesn't weigh much, doesn't require refrigeration and is high in calories."

From a nutritional and food safety standpoint, canned goods are okay, though they're heavy, which can be "very inconvenient in cases where people are being evacuated from one shelter to another," Keith says.

Other good choices include nuts, crackers and packaged cheese.

Keith normally advises consumers to avoid fruit products packaged in heavy syrup due to the large numbers of calories and high sugar content. Even so, he says these types of products work well in disaster situations by providing people access to lots of calories.

A third consideration should be stocking foods with ample amounts of protein — one reason why peanut butter is well-suited to disaster situations. Other good bets are canned beans and peas and some packaged cheese products.

While nutritionists typically caution against dried meats, largely because of their large salt and preservative content, Keith says these types of products are still worth considering in cases where refrigeration isn't available.

For that matter, some of the other foods Keith mentions aren't desirable under normal situations either, but, as he stresses, disasters aren't normal situations.

Source: Dr. Robert Keith, Alabama Cooperative Extension System Nutrition and Auburn University Professor of Nutrition and Food Science, (334) 844-3273.

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**Hannah Hocutt receives Sam Walton Community Scholarship**

Keith and Carolyn Hocutt of Huaraz, Peru, was recently awarded a Sam Walton Community Scholarship from the Wal-Mart Foundation for her outstanding leadership during her high school career.

Hannah graduated from home school in Chiquian, Peru, where her parents are missionaries with the International Mission

Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Hannah served as worship leader at the mission church, led a girls' Bible study, and broadcast a weekly two-hour radio program featuring music and programs for adults and children.

She served as a Spanish translator for mission teams working with her parents in the Andes Mountain villages near her

town, including medical, teacher-training, and evangelistic projects. She also participated in short-term construction projects, Bible distributions and missionary training sessions. She wrote an article about her life as a missionary kid which was recently selected for publication in an inspirational magazine for youth.

Hannah has also received a

Missionary Dependent Award from the International Mission Board and a Pastors' Enrollment Scholarship from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., where she is enrolled for summer term.

She is the granddaughter of Evelyn Hocutt of Elba and Hebert and Charlene Burton of New Hope, Ala.

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As expected voter turnout low

### Sutton gets Republican nomination in sheriff's race

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A small number of Coffee County voters visited the polls Tuesday, July 18, to cast their vote in the Republican Primary Run-Off Election.

The ballot in Coffee County contained only one local race along with five statewide races.

With 2,950 votes cast in Coffee County, Dave Sutton beat Ricky Barnes to become the Republican nominee for the Coffee County Sheriff's race. Sutton will face the Democratic

nominee, Lance Tindol, in November's General Election to decide the next Sheriff of Coffee County.

While the votes remain unofficial until certified, Tuesday's results showed Sutton with 1,584 votes (54.79 percent) and Barnes with 1,307 votes (45.21 percent).

Sutton and Barnes were both at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton Tuesday evening as the day's results were revealed.

Sutton said he was humbled by everyone coming out to vote. He also said he appreciates everything his supporters have done.

"I just want to tell everyone thank you," he said. "I'm looking forward to representing the Republican Party in November."

The Coffee County vote (unofficial) for the five statewide races in the Republican Primary Run-Off Election went as follows:

For Lieutenant Governor

Kids Unlimited, located on the 203 Bypass in Elba at the

Luther Strange.....1,638  
George C. Wallace Jr.....1,240  
For Court of Civil Appeals  
Judge, Place No. 3

Terri Willingham  
Thomas.....1,330

Philip Wood.....837  
For Court of Criminal  
Appeals Judge, Place No. 3

Clay Crenshaw.....1,100

Sam Welch.....976

For State Auditor

Wes Allen.....1,445

S. Samantha "Sam" Shaw.....945

For Public Service  
Commission, Place No. 2

John Amari.....1,041

Perry O. Hooper Jr.....1,513

No final statewide race at press time.

ELECTION DAY? Early predictions indicated the voter turnout most likely would be low across the

state for Tuesday's (July 18) Republican Primary Run-Off Election. That prediction came true. Coffee

County followed the trend as a small number of voters made the final decision in the run-off race to

nominate the Republican candidate for Sheriff of Coffee County. Early Tuesday afternoon, the poll

workers at the National Guard Armory in Elba (shown above) were anxiously sitting and waiting for

voters to visit their poll site. While the day was long for the workers, the workload was extremely light.

ELBA police investigating burglaries of local business

Shops at Taylor Crossing, has been the victim of several burglaries and/or attempted burglaries within the past month.

The first reported burglary was Tuesday, June 27, when store owner, Dinah Coppage, came to work and noticed some merchandise was missing.

Afterwards, Coppage had an additional locking device added to the back door. Only a couple of days later, the store was burglarized again.

According to Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey, officer Richard Moss was patrolling the area early Thursday morning, June 29, when he noticed a suspicious person in the vicinity of the store at approximately 4:36 a.m. Hanchey said Officer Moss checked the building and found the back door to Kids Unlimited had this time been pried open revealing obvious forced entry.

Upon further investigation, Hanchey said officers found some merchandise from the store as well as other evidence in the wooded area behind the building.

This burglary required damages to the back door to be repaired, and Coppage yet again increased the locking system to try and prevent another break-in.

On Monday, July 10, officers also found evidence leading to believe another attempted burglary occurred at the store. However, Chief Hanchey said the suspect(s) was unable to get in the store in that attempt.

Anyone with information that might help the Elba Police Department solve the Kids Unlimited burglaries or any other crime should contact the department at 897-2555. Also, Coppage said persons with information are welcome to contact her anonymously at Kids Unlimited by calling 897-8928.

"God is my source, and He will reveal the culprit(s) that did this," she said.

Coppage also said she is willing to offer an award for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for these burglaries.

Chief Hanchey urges local citizens to be alert regarding suspicious persons as several other burglaries and/or attempted burglaries have been reported in the area recently. While officers are not sure if any of the burglaries are connected, Hanchey said it is important citizens report any suspicious persons or activity.

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PREPARING FOR SCHOOL...The faculty and administration at Elba City Schools are working to

prepare for the start of a new school year. When students return to class Monday, Aug. 7, at Elba Elementary School, this bulletin board will be one of the first welcoming tools they see. Promoting school spirit, it reminds that "Tiger Eyes Are Watching You!"

Showing on the board are Gina Price (left), EES curriculum coordinator, and Lakesha Brackins (right), EES principal.

High School," Killingworth said. "It's my first experience as an administrator, and I am looking forward to getting over here and started on the right foot."

Killingworth began his teaching and coaching career in 1991 in Enterprise. He came to Elba as a teacher/coach from 1995-99 before going back to Enterprise from 1999-present.

Also hired at the high school has paid off.

Fast forward one year.

The school's educators now are celebrating a year of overwhelming success and that previously mentioned nervousness has turned to enthusiasm. While not all official test scores from the year have been released by the state, early indicators suggest the new reading program contributed to tremendous gains in student achievement.

The success of the program may also be measured from a recent story in the AEA Journal newspaper featuring the school and reading program. Superintendent Danny Weeks believes the article is a great promotion tool for the school's success in helping students achieve success, as well as, a recognition of the teachers dedication to the program.

Brackins said a goal was set to have 80 percent of the students reading at benchmark by the end of the school year. According to DIBELS testing used to evaluate grades K-3, the school had a benchmark of 82 percent last year.

She said they continue to wait for SAT scores to be released before the school will officially know how grades 4-6 did.

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Lakesha Brackins, Elba Elementary School principal. "There was skepticism, but everyone got into it and worked really hard."

Weeks said he is most pleased that every person at the elementary school contributed to the reading program. He said it truly was a team effort that seemingly

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Area Happenings

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COFFEE COUNTY HAMMERS FOUNDATION will be held Friday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at the extension office complex in New Brockton, Ala. There will be door prizes, and all members are encouraged to attend.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL will hold a seventh grade orientation Thursday, Aug. 3, at 9 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, new lockers and have their meal account. They also will have a brief tour of the school.

ELBA UNIVERSITY CLASS will sponsor the Band King and Queen Competition on Saturday, July 22, at the Elba Country Club. The time is 8 a.m., and lunch will be served around 1 p.m. All students and parents are invited.

THE COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS of Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel will hold Open House at each school Thursday, Aug. 3. This will be a "meet and greet" opportunity for parents and teachers, and class schedules will be picked up. Several officials also will conduct tours of the improved "state of the school" that will be effective the second week of Aug. 4-6.

WHEW! IT'S HOT!! All recent weather reports indicate hot, hot temperatures, and the thermometer on the clock at The Peoples Bank agreed Tuesday afternoon, July 18, as triple digits confirmed it. The 101 degree mark shown above was captured shortly after lunch. Residents are encouraged to take extra precautions during the hot weather to avoid any heat related illness.

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